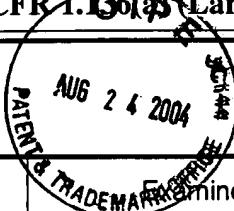


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
112843-031

In Re Application Of: **Reniero et al.**



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Invention: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA

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The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: **July 6, 2004** *Date* until: **September 6, 2004** *Date*

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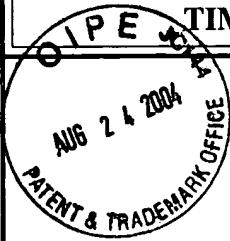
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A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.